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## MONTANA WATER COURT, YELLOWSTONE DIVISION YELLOWSTONE RIVER ABOVE AND INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN BASIN 43B PRELIMINARY DECREE

CLAIMANT: H W Burns Family, LLC	CASE 43B	-1105-R-2021
OBJECTORS: H W Burns Family, LLC; United States of America (Department of Agriculture Forest Service)	43B 6986-00 43B 6987-00 43B 6992-00 43B 6993-00	43B 7002-00 43B 7016-00 43B 7019-00 43B 7020-00

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR: Jon A. Grosfield; Marilyn W. Grosfield

## NOTICE OF FILING OF MASTER'S REPORT

This Master's Report was filed with the Montana Water Court on the above-stamped date. Please review this report carefully.

You may file a written objection to this Master's Report within 10 days of the stamped date if you disagree or find errors with the Master's findings of fact, conclusions of law, or recommendations. Rule 23, W.R.Adj.R. If the Master's Report was mailed to you, the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure allow an additional 3 days be added to the 10day objection period. Rule 6(d), M.R.Civ.P. If you file an objection, you must serve a copy of the objection to all parties on the service list found at the end of the Master's Report. The original objection and a certificate of mailing to all parties on the service list must be filed with the Water Court.

If you do not file a timely objection, the Water Court will conclude that you agree with the content of this Master's Report.

## **MASTER'S REPORT**

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. HW Burns Family, LLC (HW Burns) is the record owner of claims 43B 6986-00, 43B 6987-00, 43B 6992-00, 43B 6993-00, 43B 6997-00, 43B 6998-00, 43B 7001-00, 43B 7002-00, 43B 7016-00, 43B 7019-00, 43B 7020-00, 43B 7021-00, and 43B 7025-00.
  - 2. Most of the claims in this Case were decreed with DNRC issue remarks.
- 3. HW Burns filed self-objections to claims 43B 6986-00, 43B 6987-00, 43B 6992-00, 43B 6993-00, 43B 6997-00, 43B 6998-00, 43B 7001-00, 43B 7002-00, and 43B 7020-00; the United States of America (Forest Service) objected to claim 43B 7002-00. Jon A. Grosfield filed Notices of Intent to Appear for claims 43B 6987-00, 43B 6993-00, 43B 6997-00, 43B 6998-00, 43B 7001-00, 43B 7002-00, 43B 7016-00, 43B 7019-00, 43B 7020-00, 43B 7021-00, and 43B 7025-00; Marilyn Grosfield filed Notices of Intent to Appear for claims 43B 6993-00, 43B 6997-00, 43B 6998-00, 43B 7001-00, 43B 7002-00, 43B 7016-00, 43B 7019-00, 43B 7020-00, 43B 7021-00, and 43B 7025-00.
- 4. On October 12, 2022, HW Burns filed a Motion to Amend Stockwater Claims 43B 6986-00, 43B 6987-00, 43B 6992-00, 43B 6993-00, 43B 6997-00, 43B 6998-00 and 43B 7001-00, Affidavits, maps, and other exhibits were attached. (Docs. 20.00 through 23.00)<sup>1</sup> The October 12, 2022 filings explicitly withdrew the HW Burns Objection to claim 43B 6992-00 and proposed various changes to the other HW Burns stock water claims.
- 5. On October 12, 2022, HW Burns and the Forest Service filed a Stipulation resolving the Forest Service's Objection to claim 43B 7002-00. (Doc. 18.00) The parties agreed federal land should be removed from the claim by removing place of use no. 4 (SWSESE of Section 27). The Stipulation specified that it did *not* resolve HW Burns' Objection to claim 43B 7002-00.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Doc." numerical references correlate to case file docket numbers in the Water Court's Full Court case management system.

6. On November 14, 2022, HW Burns filed a Withdrawal of Objection to claim 43B 7020-00. (Doc. 26.00) On its face, the Withdrawal appeared to be unconditional, however, HW Burns included language that made this Water Master question the Withdrawal, specifically:

However, Burns would point out that 43B 7020-00, which has no issue remarks, does utilize the same ditches as 43B 7019-00, 43B 7021-00 and 43B 7025-00, to which DNRC had issue remarks regarding ditch names. The ditch names should be consistent across those four water rights as the ditches utilized are the same.

- 7. On November 14, 2022, Marilyn Grosfield filed a Status Report and Proposed Scheduling Order. (Doc. 25.00) According to the Status Report, Marilyn Grosfield's Notices of Intent to Appear for claims 43B 6987-00, 43B 6993-00, 43B 6997-00, 43B 7001-00, 43B 7019-00, 43B 7021-00, and 43B 7025-00 were previously resolved. This Water Master reviewed the record and did not find confirmation of resolution of Marilyn Grosfield's Notices of Intent to Appear for claims 43B 6987-00, 43B 6993-00, 43B 6997-00, 43B 6998-00, 43B 7001-00, 43B 7019-00, 43B 7021-00, and 43B 7025-00. On November 14, 2022, Marilyn Grosfield filed a Supplemental Status Report indicating the Notice of Intent to Appear for claim 43B 7020-00 is resolved. (Doc. 27.00)
- 8. On November 21, 2022, an Order on Status of Case and Order Setting Filing Deadline was issued. (Doc. 28.00) The Order set a deadline for HW Burns to address numerous outstanding concerns; a deadline was set for Marilyn Grosfield to confirm that the Notice of Intent to Appear concerns for claims 43B 6987-00, 43B 6993-00, 43B 6997-00, 43B 6998-00, 43B 7001-00, 43B 7019-00, 43B 7021-00, and 43B 7025-00 have been resolved, and to address the Notice of Intent to Appear for claim 43B 7002-00; and a deadline was set for Jon A . Grosfield to indicate how he wishes to address his Notices of Intent to Appear.
- 9. HW Burns filed a statement on December 27, 2022 describing extensive changes to claim 43B 7002-00 to resolve the self-Objection. (Doc. 30.00) The filing included several exhibits supporting the proposed changes.

10. On January 9, 2023, HW Burns responded to this Master's Order; the filing included new proposed abstracts. (Doc. 33.00)<sup>2</sup>

The Response confirmed that the source name for claim 43B 6993-00 should be "Spring, Unnamed Tributary of Little Timber Creek." The filing confirmed that the source name for claim 43B 6993-00 should *not* include reference to "South Fork" as previously noted.

The January 9, 2023 HW Burns Filing confirmed the remark decreed on claim 43B 7016-00 should reference claim 43B 7016-00, *not* claim 43B 7616-00.

Burns also confirmed that implementation of "Burns' Motion to Amend their stockwater claims ... would constitute a withdrawal of HW Burns self-objections to the stockwater claims."

- 11. Marilyn Grosfield confirmed her Notices of Intent to Appear for claims 43B 6987-00, 43B 6993-00, 43B 6997-00, 43B 6998-00, 43B 7001-00, 43B 7019-00, 43B 7020-00, 43B 7021-00, and 43B 7025-00 have been resolved. (Doc. 32.00) According to her January 9, 2022 filings, Marilyn Grosfield still had outstanding concerns regarding claim 43B 7002-00 and 43B 7016-00.
  - 12. On January 9, 2023, John Grosfield filed the following Statement:

Without conceding that the factual and legal issues associated with the listed water rights have been properly resolved, or that the statements in HW Burns Family, LLC's various filings are correct and accurate, as long as no additional changes are made the elements of the water rights beyond what is listed in the November Order, Jon Grosfield's Notices of Intent to Appear are resolved and they may be dismissed in the Master's Report and Final Order from the Water Court.

(Doc. 31.00) The January 9, 2023 Jon A. Grosfield Response does not appear to contemplate HW Burns' December 27, 2022 filing.

13. HW Burns indicated an interest in standardizing the ditch names on more than one instance. However, upon comparing various HW Burns filings, HW Burns' difficulty in standardizing the ditch names became evident.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In this Case, HW Burns has filed each attachment as a separate filing, creating separate docket entries for each attachment. On January 9, 2023, the Water Court staff combined all HW Burns' filing into a single docket entry with various sub-parts.

- 14. Another Order Setting Filing Deadline was issued on January 18, 2023. (Doc. 34.00) The Order set a deadline for HW Burns to file information requesting the following:
  - Clarify that the source name for claim 43B 6997-00 is "Spring, Unnamed Tributary of Little Timber Creek." If nothing is filed by the deadline, this Water Master will conclude the source name for claim 43B 6997-00 is "Spring, Unnamed Tributary of Little Timber Creek.
  - File proposed abstracts, standardizing ditch names, for claims 43B 7019-00, 43B 7020-00, 43B 7021-00, and 43B 7025-00. If nothing is filed by the deadline, the abstracts will remain as they are in the record. This Water Master recommends HW Burns contacts, and works with, DNRC.

The Order also set a deadline for HW Burns, Marilyn Grosfield, and Jon Grosfield to file settlement documents addressing the unresolved Notices of Intent to Appear, or a combined proposed scheduling order.

- 15. On March 17, 2023, HW Burns filed its Response addressing the outstanding issues in the Case, along with proposed abstracts, exhibits, and Affidavits. (Doc. 36.00 through Doc. 47.00)
- 16. On March 17, 2023, Jon Grosfield withdrew his Notices of Intent to Appear. (Doc. 35.00)
- 17. On March 30, 2023, Marilyn Grosfield indicated all the Notices of Intent to Appear she filed are withdrawn. (Doc. 48.00)
- 18. Pursuant to the record, the following legal land description change should be made for the point of diversion and reservoir for claim 43B 6986-00:



19. Pursuant to the record, the following changes should be made to claim 43B 6987-00:



Place of Use:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec County Acres Twp Rge NENESW SESENW 26 3N SWEET GRASS 1 12E

Pursuant to the record, the following changes should be made to claim 43B 20. 6993-00:

> 15.00 GPM A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS Flow Rate:

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW PATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Govt Lot Rge County Otr Sec Twp

SWEET GRASS SWNESE 13E

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Please add second POD:

SWNESE 2 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: January 1 to December 31

Diversion Means: PIPELINE

Please add CMDI remark: THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

Pursuant to the record, the following changes should be made to claim 43B 21. 6997-00:

Flow Rate:

A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM.

THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

 $\mathbf{ID}$ Govt Lot Rge Otr Sec Sec Two County

NENESE 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE PIPELINE Diversion Means:

THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

Pursuant to the record, the following changes should be made to claim 43B 22. 6998-00:

Flow Rate:

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A SPECIFIC FLOW DATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS LISE CONSISTS. OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM.

THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Govt Lot ID Rge Qtr Sec Twp Sec County

> 36 3N 12E SWEET GRASS SENENE

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Please add second POD: SENENE 3N 13E SWEET GRASS January 1 to December 31 Period of Diversion: Diversion Means: PIPELINE Please add CMDI remark: THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS. Place of Use:  $\mathbf{ID}$ Govt Lot Twp Otr Sec Rge County Acres Sec SENENE 36 3N 12E SWEET GRASS 12E SWEET GRASS

23. Pursuant to the record, the following changes should be made to claim 43B 7001-00:

Flow Rate: 25.00 GPM A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM.

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

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 Govt Lot
 Qtr Sec
 Sec
 Twp
 Rge
 County

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 NESWNE
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 2N
 13E
 SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE PIPELINE

THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

- 24. Claim 43B 7002-00 should be modified as shown in the December 27, 2022 HW Burns filing. (Doc. 30.00)
- 25. The information remark decreed on claim 43B 7016-00 should be modified to reference claim 43B 7016-00, not 43B 7616-00.
- 26. Pursuant to the record, the following changes should be made to claim 43B 7019-00:

\*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

 ID
 Govt Lot
 Otr Sec
 Sec
 Twp
 Rge
 County

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 NENENE
 25
 2N
 13E
 SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS) DITCH | ARNESON BURNS (UPPER BULL PASTURE) DITCH

NWNWNE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH BURNS (UPPER MEADOW) DITCH

25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means: HEADGATE ARNESON (BURNS MIDDLE MEADOW) DITCH ARNESON (BURNS) DITCH Ditch Name: SESENE 2N 14E 13E SWEET GRASS Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means: HEADGATE Ditch Name: BURNS (UPPER HULTS) DITCH SESENW 29 2N SWEET GRASS Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means: HEADGATE BURNS (LOWER HULTS) DITCH Ditch Name: NESWNE 14E SWEET GRASS 30 2N Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means: HEADGATE BURNS (LAKE) DITCH Ditch Name: SWNENW 14E SWEET GRASS 30 2N Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means: HEADGATE BURNS DITCH BURNS (LOWER ARNESON/BULL PASTURE) DITCH Ditch Name: SENWNW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means: HEADGATE Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER MEADOW) DITCH

27. Pursuant to the record, the following changes should be made to claim 43B 7020-00:

## \*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Twp Govt Lot Sec Rge County Qtr Sec NENENE SWEET GRASS 2N 13E Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means: HEADGATE Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS) DITCH ARNESON (BURNS UPPER BULL PASTURE) DITCH SENWNW JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Period of Diversion: Diversion Means: HEADGATE BURNS (LOWER MEADOW) DITCH Ditch Name: SWNENW 2N 14E SWEET GRASS Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means: HEADGATE Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER ARNESON/BULL PASTURE) DITCH NWNWNE 2N 13E SWEET GRASS Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means: HEADGATE Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH BURNS (UPPER MEADOW) DITCH NENENE 2N 13E SWEET GRASS Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS) DITCH | ARNESON (BURNS MIDDLE MEADOW) DITCH

SESENE 30 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

BURNS (UPPER HULTS) DITCH Ditch Name:

NESWNE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

BURNS (LAKE) DITCH Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH

SESENW 29 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER HULTS) DITCH

Pursuant to the record, the following changes should be made to claims 43B 7021-00 and 43B 7025-00:

#### \*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County SWEET GRASS 2N

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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

ARNESON (BURNS) DITCH ARNESON (BURNS UPPER BULL PASTURE) DITCH Ditch Name:

SENWNW 2N 14E SWEET GRASS 30

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER MEADOW) DITCH

SWNENW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

ARNESON (BURNS) DITCH BURNS (LOWER ARNESON/BULL PASTURE) DITCH Ditch Name:

NWNWNF 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

HEADGATE Diversion Means:

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH BURNS (UPPER MEADOW) DITCH

NENENE 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Period of Diversion:

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

ARNESON (BURNS) DITCH ARNESON (BURNS MIDDLE MEADOW) DITCH Ditch Name:

2N 14E 3E ß SESENE SWEET GRASS

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 \*Period of Diversion:

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

BURNS (UPPER HULTS) DITCH Ditch Name:

NESWNE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

\*Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

BURNS DITCH BURNS (LAKE) DITCH Ditch Name:

SESENW 29 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

\*Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH BURNS (LOWER HULTS) DITCH

## PRINCIPLES AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Water Court is required to address all issue remarks that decreed on a claim as well as all objections the claim receives. Sections 85-2-233, 85-2-247, and 85-2-248, MCA. The issue remarks decreed on the claims in this Case have been addressed, and the Objections and Notices of Intent to Appear have been resolved.

- 2. A properly filed Statement of Claim for an existing water right is prima facie proof of its content. Section 85-2-227, MCA. This prima facie validity may be overcome by evidence showing that one or more elements of the claim are incorrect. This standard of proof applies to objectors or claimants objecting to their own water right claims. Rule 19, W.R.Adj.R., *Nelson v. Brooks*, 2014 MT 120; 375 Mont.86, 95; 329 P.3d 558, 564.
- 3. The notice issue remarks decreed on some of the claims in this Case have served their purpose. As all Objections have been resolved, no further proceedings are required.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The claims in Case 43B-1105-R-2021 should be modified as shown in Findings of Fact Nos. 18 through 28 and on the attached Post Decree Abstracts, consistent with the record in this Case.
- 2. The issue remarks should be removed from all claims in Case 43B-1105-R-2021.

Post Decree Abstracts of Water Right Claims are served with the Report for review.

## ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.

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### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 6986-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: DECEMBER 21, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT

HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

**Volume:** THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name FEATHERBED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 W2NWSE 1 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

W2NWSE 1 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION # 1

Dam Height:13.00 FEETDepth:10.00 FEETSurface Area:0.33 ACRES

Capacity: 1.32 ACRE-FEET

SEE THE RESERVOIR WORKSHEET IN THE CLAIM FILE FOR ADDITIONAL

RESERVOIR DATA.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot</u> <u>Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

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# YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 6987-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: DECEMBER 21, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 10.00 GPM

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u> <u>Govt Lot</u> <u>Otr Sec</u> <u>Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> <u>Rge</u> <u>County</u>

1 NENESW 26 3N 12E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** PIPELINE

THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENESW 26 3N 12E SWEET GRASS

### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 6992-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

**Version:** 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1950

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BIG TIMBER CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESESE 31 3N 13E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESESE 31 3N 13E SWEET GRASS

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# YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

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Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1950

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 15.00 GPM

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE TIMBER CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u> <u>Govt Lot</u> <u>Qtr Sec</u> <u>Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> <u>Rge</u> <u>County</u>

1 SWNESE 2 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2 SWNESE 2 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** PIPELINE

THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot</u> <u>Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 SWNESE 2 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 6997-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1950

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 15.00 GPM

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE TIMBER CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u> <u>Govt Lot</u> <u>Otr Sec</u> <u>Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> <u>Rge</u> <u>County</u>

1 NENESE 29 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** PIPELINE

THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENESE 29 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 6998-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

**Priority Date:** AUGUST 1, 1950

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 20.00 GPM

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SENENE 36 3N 12E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2 SENENE 36 3N 13E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** PIPELINE

THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1			SENENE	36	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
2			SWSWNW	31	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 7001-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1950

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 25.00 GPM

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WHITETAIL CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u> <u>Govt Lot</u> <u>Otr Sec</u> <u>Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> <u>Rge</u> <u>County</u>

1 NESWNE 35 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** PIPELINE

THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESWNE 35 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 7002-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: MAY 10, 1918

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
Flow Rate: 38.65 CFS

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

Maximum Acres: 1,524.00

Source Name SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

**Period of Diversion:** 

<u>ID</u>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<b>Twp</b>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1		SWSWNE	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
Period of Diversion:	APRIL 1 TO NOV	'EMBER 1				
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	HEADGATE					
Ditch Name:	BURNS DITCH					
2		SESWNE	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
Period of Diversion:	APRIL 1 TO NOV	'EMBER 1				
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	HEADGATE					
Ditch Name:	<b>BURNS DITCH</b>					
3		NWNWSW	36	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
Period of Diversion:	APRIL 1 TO NOV	'EMBER 1				
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	HEADGATE					
Ditch Name:	ARNESON DITC	Н				
4		SESWNW	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
Period of Diversion:	APRIL 1 TO NOV	'EMBER 1				
<b>Diversion Means:</b>	HEADGATE					
Ditch Name:	<b>BURNS DITCH</b>					
5		SENWNE	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS

**APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1** 

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH

6 SESESE 36 3N 12E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: JOHNSON DITCH

7 NWNWNW 6 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: JOHNSON DITCH

8 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS) DITCH (UPPER BULL PASTURE DITCH)

9 SENWNW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

**Ditch Name:** BURNS DITCH (LOWER MEADOW DITCH)

10 SWNENW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH (LOWER ARNESON/BULL PASTURE DITCH)

11 NWNWNE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH (UPPER MEADOW DITCH)

12 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS) DITCH (MIDDLE MEADOW DITCH)

13 SESENE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH (UPPER HULTS DITCH)

14 NESWNE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH (LAKE DITCH)

15 SESENW 29 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

**Ditch Name:** BURNS DITCH (LOWER HULTS DITCH)

Period of Use: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	Acres	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	Rge	<b>County</b>
1	20.00		E2NE	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
2	13.00		SW	36	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
3	20.00		SW	31	3N	13E	SWEET GRASS
4	80.00		NW	6	2N	13E	SWEET GRASS
5	111.00		SE	36	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
6	14.00		NE	36	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
7	55.00		NE	6	2N	13E	SWEET GRASS
8	30.00		SE	6	2N	13E	SWEET GRASS
9	60.00		NW	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
10	33.00		SE	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
11	50.00		NE	31	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
12	185.00		S2	19	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
13	28.00		S2SW	20	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
14	130.00		NW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
15	120.00		NW	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
16	130.00		SW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
17	120.00		NE	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
18	85.00		SE	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
19	40.00		SW	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
20	120.00		NE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
21	80.00		SE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
	<b>Total:</b> 1524.00						

## Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL WHICH MEANS THE RIGHTS HAVE OVERLAPPING PLACES OF USE. THE RIGHTS CAN BE COMBINED TO IRRIGATE ONLY OVERLAPPING PARCELS. EACH RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE FLOW RATE AND PLACE OF USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. THE SUM TOTAL VOLUME OF THESE WATER RIGHTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

7002-00	7003-00	7005-00	7006-00	7017-00	7018-00
7019-00	7020-00	7021-00	7022-00	7024-00	7025-00

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 7016-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1892

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
Flow Rate: 5.00 CFS

**Volume:** 93.00 AC-FT

Climatic Area: 2 - MODERATELY HIGH

Maximum Acres: 143.00

Source Name SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESWNE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

\*Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH

Reservoir: OFFSTREAM Reservoir Name: BURNS RESERVOIR

Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

E2E2SE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION #1

Dam Height:13.00 FEETDepth:10.00 FEETSurface Area:26.00 ACRES

Capacity: 104.00 ACRE-FEET

\*Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	Acres Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1	21.00	S2S2NW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
2	62.00	SE	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
3	35.00	SW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS

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4 <u>25.00</u> S2S2NE 29 2N 14E SWEET GRASS Total: 143.00

#### Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL WHICH MEANS THE RIGHTS HAVE OVERLAPPING PLACES OF USE. THE RIGHTS CAN BE COMBINED TO IRRIGATE ONLY OVERLAPPING PARCELS. EACH RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE FLOW RATE AND PLACE OF USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. THE SUM TOTAL VOLUME OF THESE WATER RIGHTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

7003-00 7005-00 7016-00 7019-00 7020-00 7021-00 7022-00 7025-00

CLAIM NO. 43B 7016-00 IS A 26.00 ACRE STORAGE LAKE OR RESERVOIR LOCATED ON THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP 02 NORTH RANGE 14 EAST IN SWEET GRASS COUNTY AND STORES SURFACE WATER FROM SWAMP CREEK DURING WINTER AND EARLY MONTHS OF THE YEAR AND IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISION SET FORTH IN FINDING OF FACT NO. X IN CAUSE NO. 3055 FILED IN SWEET GRASS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT ENTITLED BIG TIMBER CREEK CANAL COMPANY ET AL, DATED JUNE 1, 1976, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: THAT ROBERT BURNS, ONE OF THE ANSWERING DEFENDANTS, OWNS AND MAINTAINS A 26.00 ACRE STORAGE LAKE UPON HIS LAND SITUATE IN THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 02 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST, M.P.M. WHEREIN 93.00 ACRE FEET OF SURPLUS WATERS HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY STORED IN THE WINTER AND EARLY MONTHS OF EACH YEAR SINCE 1892; THAT ROBERT BURNS AND HIS PREDECESSORS HAVE STORED NO SURPLUS WATERS AND HAVE NO RIGHT TO DIVERT OR STORE SURPLUS WATERS THEREIN DURING THOSE TIMES OF YEAR WHEN ANY OF THE HEREINABOVE DECREED USERS (AND DECREED PRIOR HERETO) HAVE USE FOR SUCH SURPLUS IRRIGATION WATERS OF BIG TIMBER CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.

### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 7019-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 5 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: JUNE 1, 1891

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
Flow Rate: 1.50 CFS

\*Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 2 - MODERATELY HIGH

Maximum Acres: 1,088.00

\*Source Name SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

\*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON BURNS (UPPER BULL PASTURE) DITCH

2 NWNWNE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (UPPER MEADOW) DITCH

NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS MIDDLE MEADOW) DITCH

4 SESENE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (UPPER HULTS) DITCH

5 SESENW 29 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

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**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER HULTS) DITCH

6 NESWNE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LAKE) DITCH

7 SWNENW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER ARNESON/BULL PASTURE) DITCH

8 SENWNW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER MEADOW) DITCH

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

#### Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>		<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1		50.00		NE	31	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
2		185.00		S2	19	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
3		28.00		S2SW	20	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
4		130.00		NW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
5		120.00		NW	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
6		130.00		SW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
7		120.00		NE	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
8		85.00		SE	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
9		40.00		SW	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
10		120.00		NE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
11	_	80.00		SE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
	Total:	1088.00						

### Remarks:

THE WATER RIGHTS FOLLOWING THIS STATEMENT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL WHICH MEANS THE RIGHTS HAVE OVERLAPPING PLACES OF USE. THE RIGHTS CAN BE COMBINED TO IRRIGATE ONLY OVERLAPPING PARCELS. EACH RIGHT IS LIMITED TO THE FLOW RATE AND PLACE OF USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL RIGHT. THE SUM TOTAL VOLUME OF THESE WATER RIGHTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

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7022-00 7025-00

THIS CLAIM IS SUBJECT TO A PRIVATE AGREEMENT ENTERED OCTOBER 2, 2008. SEE WATER COURT CASE FILE 43B-A2.

### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 7020-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 4 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1880

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

**Irrigation Type:** FLOOD

Flow Rate: 11.65 CFS

\*Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 2 - MODERATELY HIGH

Maximum Acres: 1,088.00

\*Source Name SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

\*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS UPPER BULL PASTURE) DITCH

2 SENWNW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER MEADOW) DITCH

3 SWNENW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER ARNESON/BULL PASTURE) DITCH

4 NWNWNE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (UPPER MEADOW) DITCH

5 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS MIDDLE MEADOW) DITCH

6 SESENE 30 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (UPPER HULTS) DITCH

7 NESWNE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LAKE) DITCH

8 SESENW 29 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER HULTS) DITCH

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

#### Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>		<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
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5		120.00		NW	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
6		130.00		SW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
7		120.00		NE	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
8		85.00		SE	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
9		40.00		SW	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
10		120.00		NE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
11	_	80.00		SE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
	Total:	1088.00						

### Remarks:

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7022-00 7025-00

AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION COMPLETED 02/24/1988. FILE REFLECTS RIGHT AS IT EXISTED PRIOR TO JULY, 1973. APPROVED CHANGES WILL BE RECORDED AFTER FINAL DECREE.

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### ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

# YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 7021-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 4 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: JULY 1, 1893

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
Flow Rate: 1.00 CFS

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 2 - MODERATELY HIGH

Maximum Acres: 1,088.00

\*Source Name SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

\*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS UPPER BULL PASTURE) DITCH

2 SENWNW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER MEADOW) DITCH

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**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LAKE) DITCH

8 SESENW 29 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

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#### Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>		<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1		50.00		NE	31	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
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	Total:	1088.00						

### Remarks:

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Version: 4 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 14, 1889

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
Flow Rate: 2.50 CFS

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

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